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1. Attempts by individual members of the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC) and the Partido Comunista Obrero (PCO) to effect a reconciliation between the two parties have consistently ended in the expulsion of the PCC members for divisionist activities.
2. This intransigent attitude on the part of the PCC was recently demonstrated by two expulsions from the party. Pastor Quintero is being expelled from the Communist Construction Workers' cell in Bogota. According to a report submitted by Serafin Murillo C., secretary of the cell, Quintero has been accused of:
  - a. Cooperating with members of the Partido Comunista Obrero (PCO) in the construction syndicate, submitting reports concerning the cell to Jesus Villegas Palacio, leader of the Construction Workers' Federation and member of the PCO, and impeding PCC agitation among the workers.
  - b. Maintaining secret contact with members of the Union de Trabajadores Colombianos (UTC) and reporting to them on secret matters of the PCC.
3. According to Jorge Enrique Bayona, PCO leader, Quintero is a member of the PCO. Bayona also stated that the PCC has not been able to gain any influence among the workers of the construction, telephone, or Bavaria (brewery) syndicates in Bogota, and the activities of some PCC agents, such as Bernardo Medina in Barranquilla, have prejudiced the Communist movement as a whole.\*
4. Aureliano Lozano of Girardo, Department of Cundinamarca, was the second to be expelled for his attacks against the party leaders and the PCC-sponsored Farm Leagues.

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